



Employment  
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STATE OF WASHINGTON

## Hire-A-Vet Challenge

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### Businesses making a difference!

**Northwest Cascade Inc. in Puyallup** has more than 300 employees in Washington, of which 40 are veterans, including four Reservists. The company has hired 20 veterans just since 9/11, and two of its Reservists are currently deployed. *Northwest Cascade has committed to hiring 10 veterans as part of the Hire-A-Vet challenge.*

**Contact:** Ruth Lobe, (253) 904-1318

**Custom Electric & Controls in Fife** employs six veterans on its 22-person staff. The company has hired five veterans since 9/11 and has one Reservist. *Custom Electric has committed to hiring four more veterans as part of the Hire-A-Vet challenge.*

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**Group Health Cooperative in Seattle** employs 385 veterans in its 9,000-plus work force. During the past year alone, the company hired 16 veterans and had 28 Reservists take military leave.

**Contact:** Katie McCarthy, (206) 448-2149

**State Farm in Dupont** employs 76 veterans in its 1,100-plus work force. In the past 18 months, the company hired seven veterans and had 11 Reservists take military leave.

**Contact:** Vicki Harper, (253) 912-6248

**Equity Residential in Tukwila** employs 37 veterans in its 400-plus work force. The company has hired 10 veterans in the past year and had 8 Reservists take military leave since 9/11. *Equity Residential has committed to hiring 15 more veterans as part of the Hire-A-Vet challenge.*

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